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Louis Shores (1904-1981) was one of the undisputed intellectual leaders of librarianship in the 1960s. By that time, Shores had already established a national reputation in the field of reference work and had become prominent in education for librarianship. His lifelong commitment to his profession centered around his intense belief in the power of libraries to enhance the lives of their patrons; Shores insisted that libraries mattered only to the degree that they connected with people and touched their lives. With the zeal of a true believer, he fought to incorporate teaching functions into librarianship and create programs of library education and training. This biography provides an account of Shores's life, and the complex character and career of this librarian, poet, social activist, and maverick educator. As a librarian and library educator, Shores' contributions were numerous, though largely unrecognized by official markers. Shores served as the head of two library schools, at Peabody College and Florida State University, and was responsible for the establishment of what is now the Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association. Includes a subject index. (Author/SWC)

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